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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 02/22/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 02/15/03
BRO-FRY	150,856	154,543
LT HENS	1,671	1,955
HVY HENS	1,500	1,301

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	541	0	541
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	277	14	291
SAME WEEK YR AGO	345	12	357
TO-DATE/2003	2,515	47	2,562
TO-DATE/2002	2,505	20	2,525

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,334	1,257	3,591
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK 1/11/03	1,966	1,391	3,357
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,064	1,198	3,262
TO-DATE/2003	14,078	9,461	23,539
TO-DATE/2002	15,193	8,859	24,052

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	152,044	1,793	1,257	3,050
AVG WT	5.15	3.43	7.77	5.22
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066
SAME WK YR AGO	157,980	1,719	1,186	2,905
AVG WT	5.03	3.70	7.90	5.42
TO-DATE/2003	1,030,168	11,563	9,414	20,977
TO-DATE/2002	1,059,932	12,688	8,839	21,527

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.9 million head or 0.3 million head more than or 100 of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING February 08, 2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	26,723	27,698	43,415
Avg Weight	3.75	4.93	6.26
% of total /1	27%	28%	44%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	27,057	20,919	44,740
Avg Weight	3.80	4.77	6.18
% of total /1	29%	23%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,165	17,526	53,890
Avg Weight	3.73	4.77	6.12
% of total /1	31%	17%	52%
To date/2003	131,006	124,964	241,731
To date/2002	184,062	124,825	280,888

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,717	2,575	52	7	4,351
AVG WT	15.59	37.60	23.67	40.51	28.75
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
SAME WK YR AGO	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
AVG WT	16.39	36.98	24.63	28.55	28.55
TO-DATE/2003	11,399	17,555	376	79	29,409
TO-DATE/2002	11,882	18,033	264	54	30,233

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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